

Social Security Scheme of Cattle and Crop Insurance.

Q.—464. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any steps are taken for the introduction of the Social Security Scheme of Cattle and Crop Insurance in the State for the benefit of agriculture ;

(b) if so, what are they ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) Yes, only in respect of Cattle Insurance. The Scheme has been dropped for the present under instructions from the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

Drinking Water Wells in Bangalore North Taluk.

Q.—548. Sri R. MUNISWAMIAH (Bangalore North—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the villages in Bangalore North Taluk where the wells for drinking water have been completed from 1st October 1955 to 1st January 1956 ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

Kempapura
Dodbetahalli
Jakkur
Hebbala
Karlapura
Sonnenahalli
Kariyanapalya

Occupational Institutes.

Q.—607. Sri V. R. NAIDU (Mallawaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have thought of opening more occupational institutions in the State ?

(b) whether they intend opening one occupational institute in each district ;

(c) if so, whether they would take action to open these schools immediately ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Government have in view the opening of two occupational institutes under the Second Five-Year Plan in the two districts of Tumkur and Chickmagalur not served by Occupational Institutes, provided the public come forward with handsome donations.

Dalvai Tank in Chiknayakanahalli Taluk (Construction of an Anicut for Seepage Water).

Q.—641. Sri C. H. LINGADEVARU (Chiknayakanahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether an estimate has been prepared for construction of an anicut for the seepage water of Dalvai Tank in Chiknayakanahalli Taluk ; when it was prepared ; and the amount of the estimate ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

Yes ; during 1952 ; for Rs. 14,000.

Statement by the Chief Minister.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—Sir, I want to make a statement. The other day I made a statement before the House that I would give full details on matters relating to my brother Sri V. Nanjappa in regard to the acquisition of land, compensation paid and the appeal filed, etc. Sir, in fact, I prepared a statement but I am now advised by the legal department that as a case is pending before the High Court—a case of Contempt of Court—the matter is *sub judice*. This case has been filed because certain comments were made in certain newspapers

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while the case relating to acquisition and compensation was pending before the court. Therefore, Sir, this matter is *sub judice* and I have brought this to the notice of the House and that I cannot make a statement at this stage until the Contempt of Court case is disposed of.

BUDGET FOR 1956-57—DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Now Demands. Demands Nos. 12, 18 and 28. For the first Demand we may allot about 45 minutes; for Education about two hours and half-an-hour for Demand No. 28.

MEMBERS.—Yes.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Some time limit has also got to fixed. If the House has no objection, I will use my discretion in the matter.

MEMBERS.—Yes.

DEMAND No. 12—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (STATE LEGISLATURE AND ELECTION CHARGES).

25. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (B. PARLIAMENT AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND C. ELECTIONS.)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved:

“That a sum not exceeding Rs. 25,09,000 be granted to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1957, in respect of ‘General Administration (State Legislature and Election Charges)’.”

*Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Sir, I am opposing this Demand, as I want to avail myself of the opportunity to point out the defects that are in the way of elections. Very soon we have to face general elections and this is the opportune time for us to point out the defects in the present system of elections, specially, to those that belong

to the parties other than the ruling party. Sir, democracy stands on free and fair elections and every care should be taken that elections are held in a free and fair atmosphere. Most of us have undergone the difficulties of the last general elections and we know how disadvantageous it is for persons belonging to other parties than the Congress.

The chief difficulty is, elections would be held when persons of the ruling party are still in office, in power. During elections the Ministers continue to hold the office and there is every presumption that they use undue influence and there is no fair and free atmosphere. I have stated this even before, that, at the time of elections, Ministers should lay down office and should contest elections just as any other person does.

Sri P. R. RAMAIIYA (Basavana-gudi).—I would like to know as to how it is done in England and in America.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—It is true, Sir, that Constitution does not prohibit persons from holding office at the time of elections. But, conditions in England and America are quite different from that of India. There, the electorate is highly educated and they have built up democracy from centuries. We have very good experience of the last elections; we know how persons exercised their votes. It is also our experience during the last elections that persons who held office went round and made several promises to the people—which perhaps they did not carry out—and asked the people to vote for their party. Ministers took advantage of their office and misused their mission.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Sri Imam, I do not know whether this House is competent to discuss that question. Elections are governed by rules and procedure laid down in the Constitution and the Election Commission which has been constituted by the President has got powers to deal with these matters. I think we are not competent to discuss this.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I may submit that last year we have discussed all these matters. It is the duty